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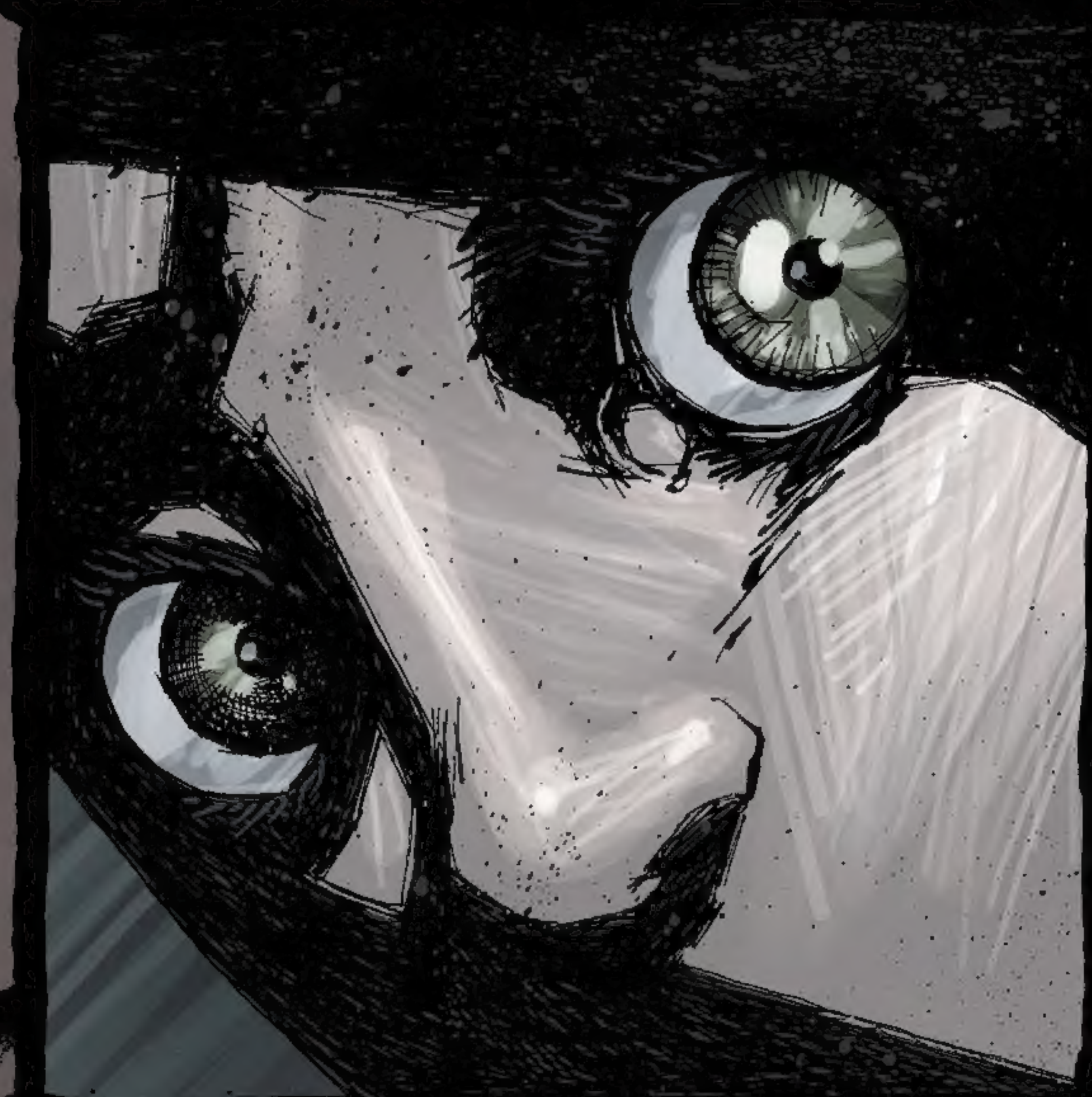
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THE NEW 52!

JOKER #1



FABOK







GAGGY...

SHADDUP!
DON'T YOU
MOVE A
MUSCLE.



HERE WE GO.
THIS'LL CLEAN YOU
UP. RIGHT DOWN TO
YOUR CLOGGED
PORES.



NNNNHHH...



YOUR
UNCLE
HORACE
USED TO SAY
THE SAME
THING WHEN
I CLEANED
HIM UP.



OR MAYBE
THAT'S WHAT
HE SAID WHEN
I GAVE HIM A
COLOMBIAN
NECKTIE.

OH WELL,
DOESN'T
MATTER.



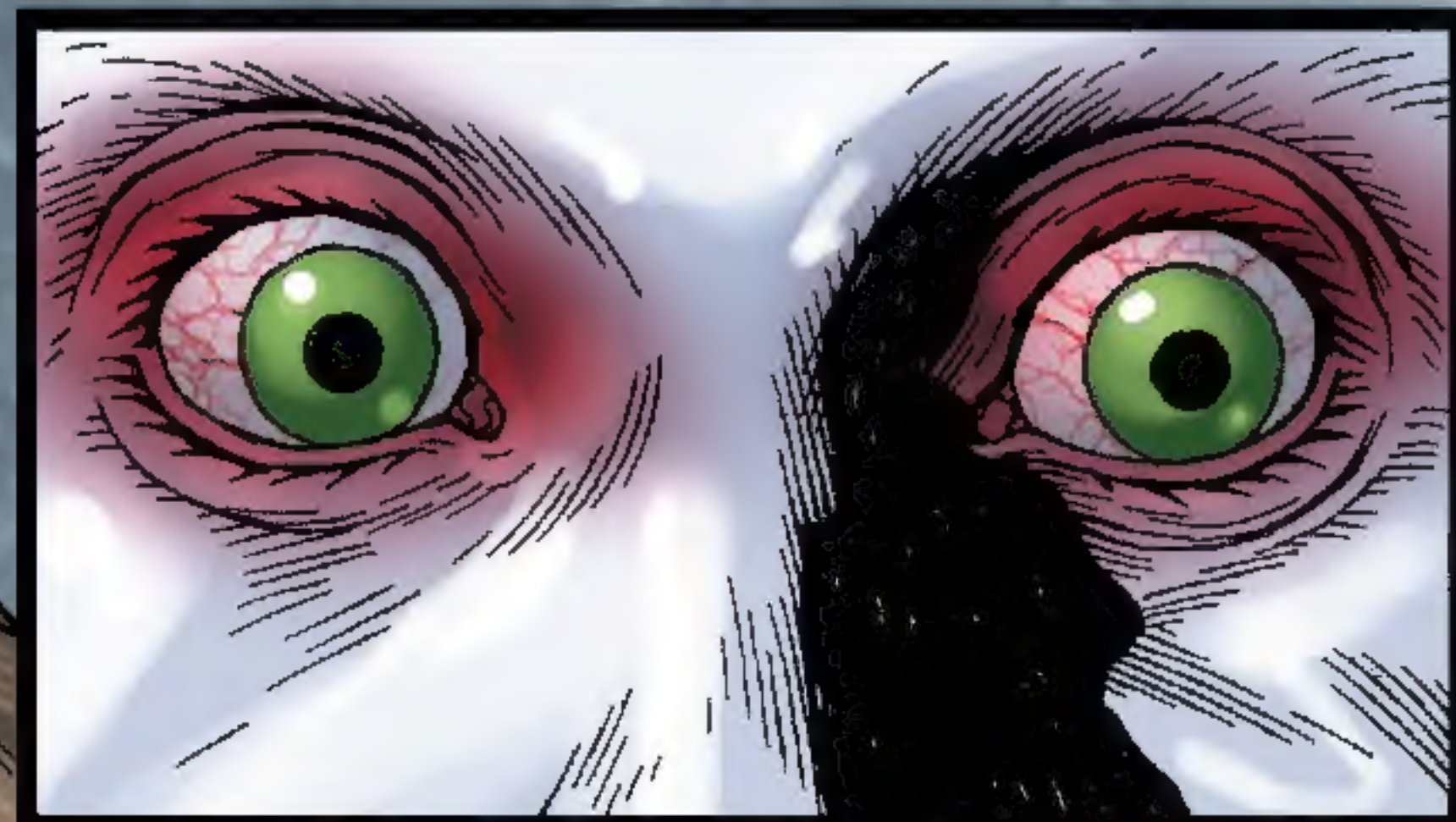
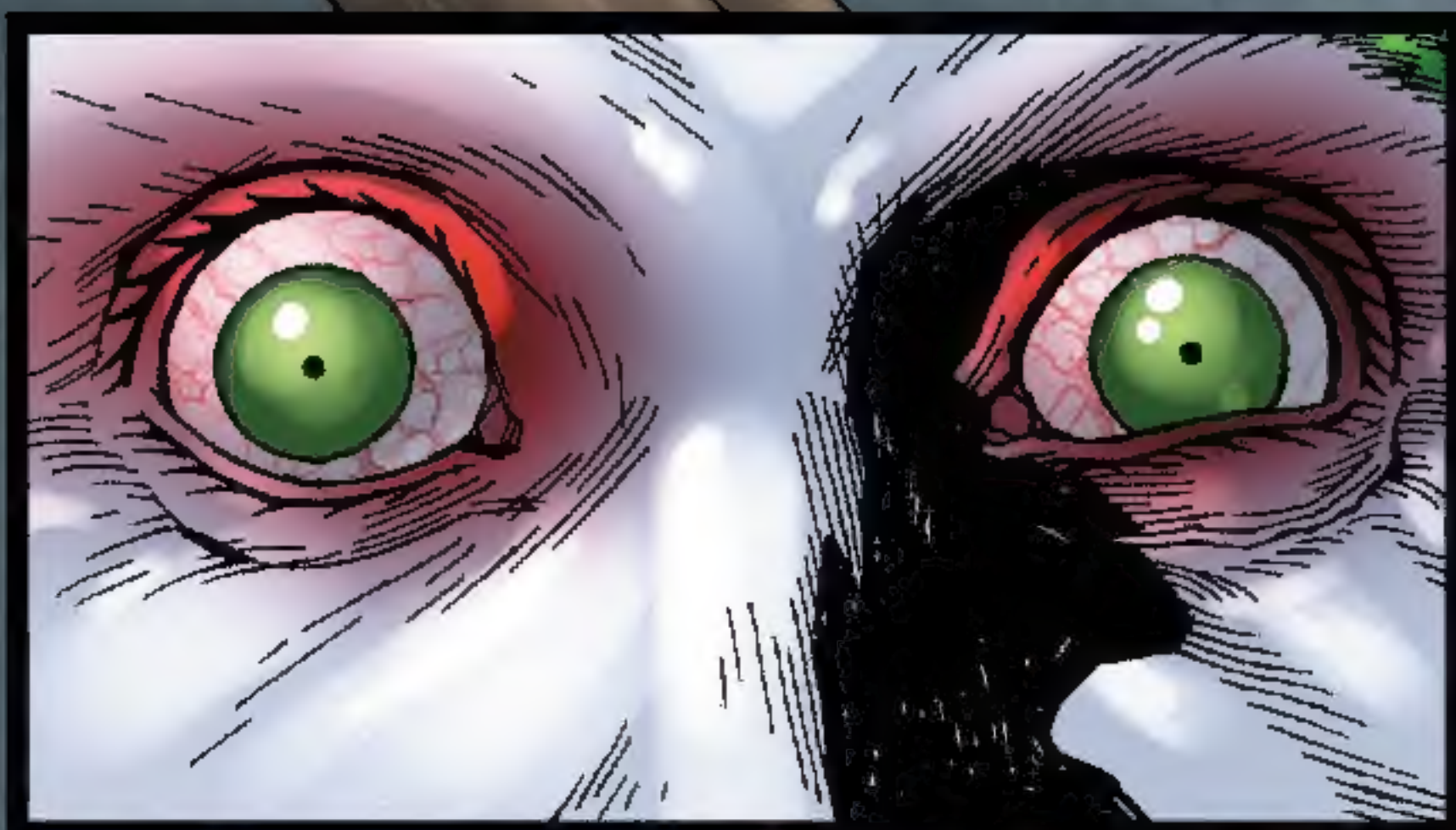
YOU'RE
GONNA BE SO
SPARKLY AFTER
I'M DONE WITH
YOU!

WHO LOVES
YA?

AAACHHHH...
A--



AAARRCHK!



SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
THE GOTHAM CITY ZOO.

DC COMICS UNLEASHES JOKER

TIME TO MONKEY SHINE

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KATIE KUBERT ASSOC. EDITOR MIKE MARTS GROUP EDITOR
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NO, PLEASE!
DON'T DO THIS!
I HAVE A YOUNG
SON!

OH, DIS IS
GONNA BE SO
GOOD! WATCHIN'
NAYTCHTA TAKE
ITS CAWSE--
RIGHT, MAX?

ABSOLUTELY,
WEDGE! AND
MAY I ADD, WHAT
A LOVELY WAY TO
SPEND THE DAY...
HERE AT THE
ZOO!

YOU OKAY,
BOSS? YOU
SEEM A WEE BIT
SHAKEN.

YOU'RE
MISSING
ALL THE
ACTION!

HEH.

HEE-HEE...

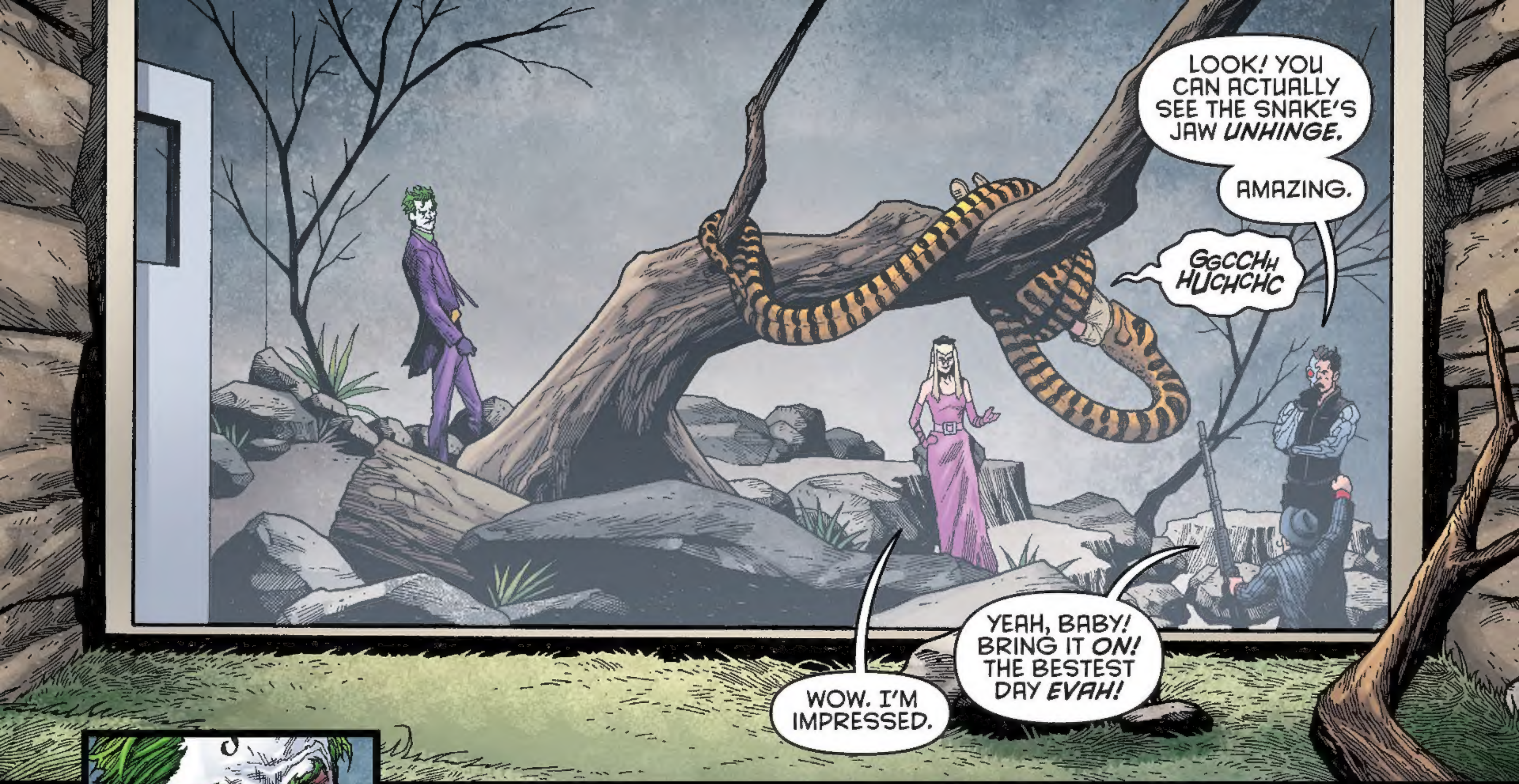
...JUST HAVING
SOME FOND MEMORIES
OF MY ENDEARING
CHILDHOOD, FLAME
DUPREE.

MY AUNT EUNICE
WAS SOMETHING ELSE.
YOU SHOULD'VE
MET HER.

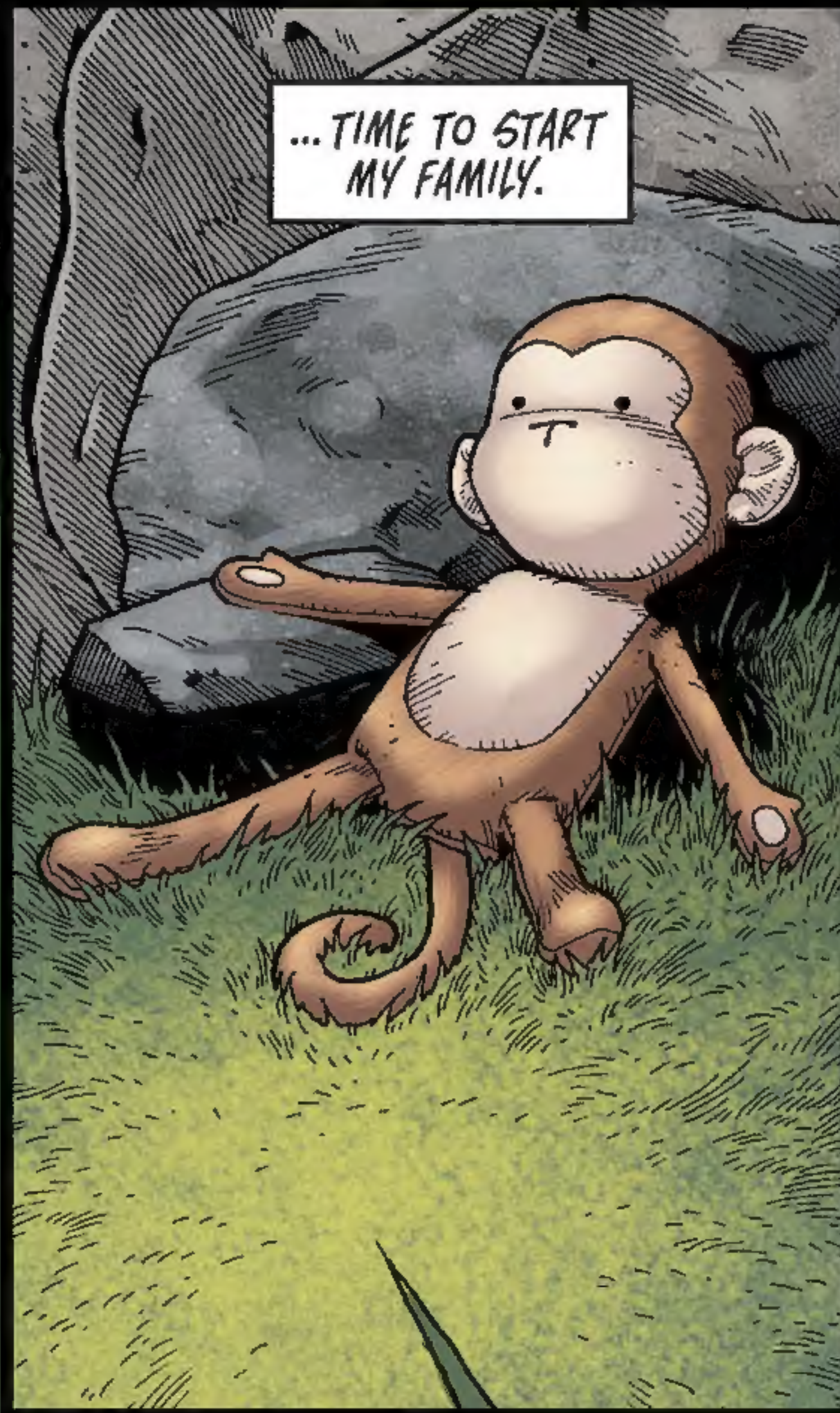
I'M SURPRISED
I STILL HAVE ALL
MY FINGERS
AND TOES.

OKAY,
ON WITH THE
SHOW!









... TIME TO START
MY FAMILY.



TEE-HEE... THIS STUFF ISN'T THAT BAD, LITTLE MAN!

ONLY HAPPY FACES AROUND HERE.

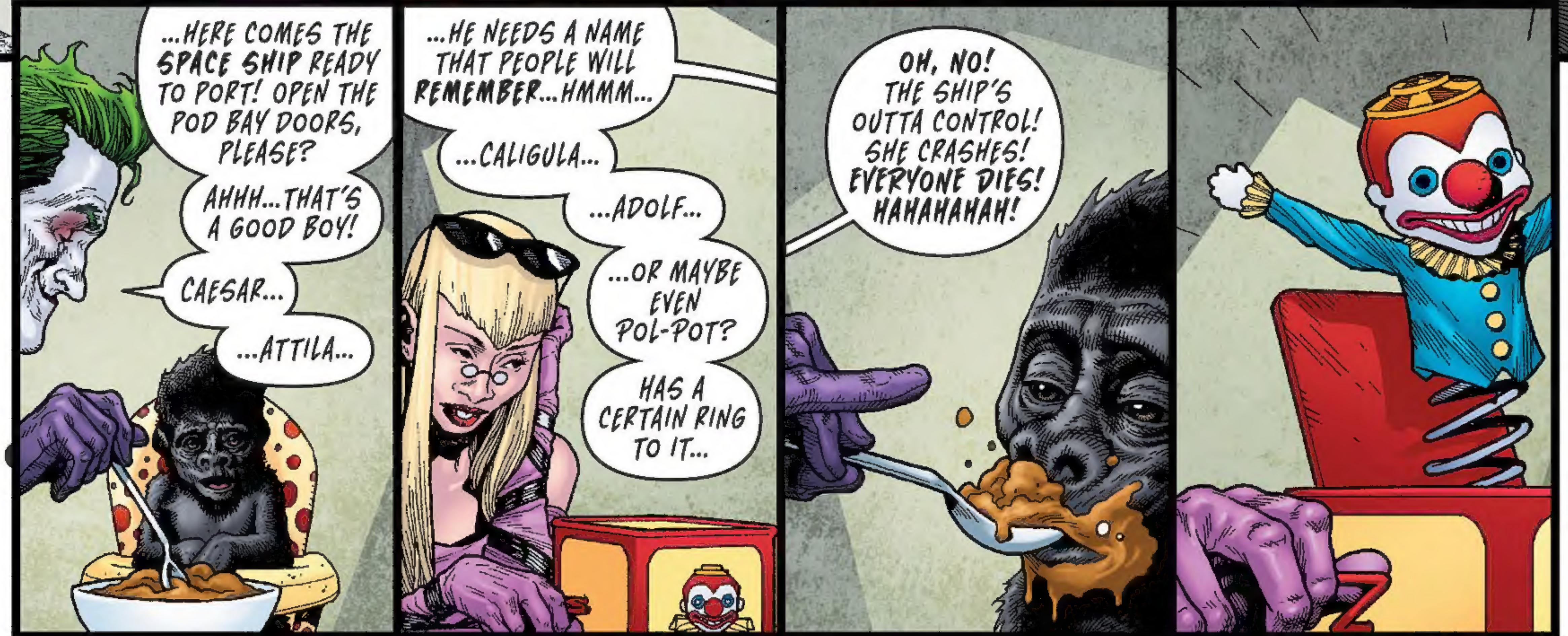
JOKER, HON, WE GOTTA GIVE 'IM A NAME.

HOW ABOUT CHARLIE?

REALLY? HMMM...YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, FLAME.

NAMED AFTER THAT GUY WHO USED TO LIVE... HERE...

HE NEEDS SOMETHING MORE IMPACTFUL... SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE...



...HERE COMES THE SPACE SHIP READY TO PORT! OPEN THE POD BAY DOORS, PLEASE?

AHHH...THAT'S A GOOD BOY!

CAESAR...

...ATTILA...

...HE NEEDS A NAME THAT PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER...HMMM...

...CALIGULA...

...ADOLF...

...OR MAYBE EVEN POL-POT?

HAS A CERTAIN RING TO IT...

OH, NO! THE SHIP'S OUTTA CONTROL! SHE CRASHES! EVERYONE DIES! HAHAHAAAAH!



THAT'S IT! HEE-HEE-HAWWWW, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I DIDN'T THINK OF THIS BEFORE.

I'LL NAME HIM... HA-HA-HA-HEE-HOOOO...

...JACKANAPES!

YOU GOTTA LOVE IT!

RAISING MY YOUNG PUP, JACKANAPES,
WAS THE HAPPIEST TIME OF MY LIFE!

IT WAS SOME OF THE MOST REWARDING
MOMENTS I COULD REMEMBER.

HE'D DEVELOPED THE DARKEST
LITTLE PERSONALITY I'D EVER SEEN!

IT WAS SO CUTE!



I MADE IT A POINT FOR
JACKANAPES TO EXPERIENCE THE
CHILDHOOD I WISH I HAD.

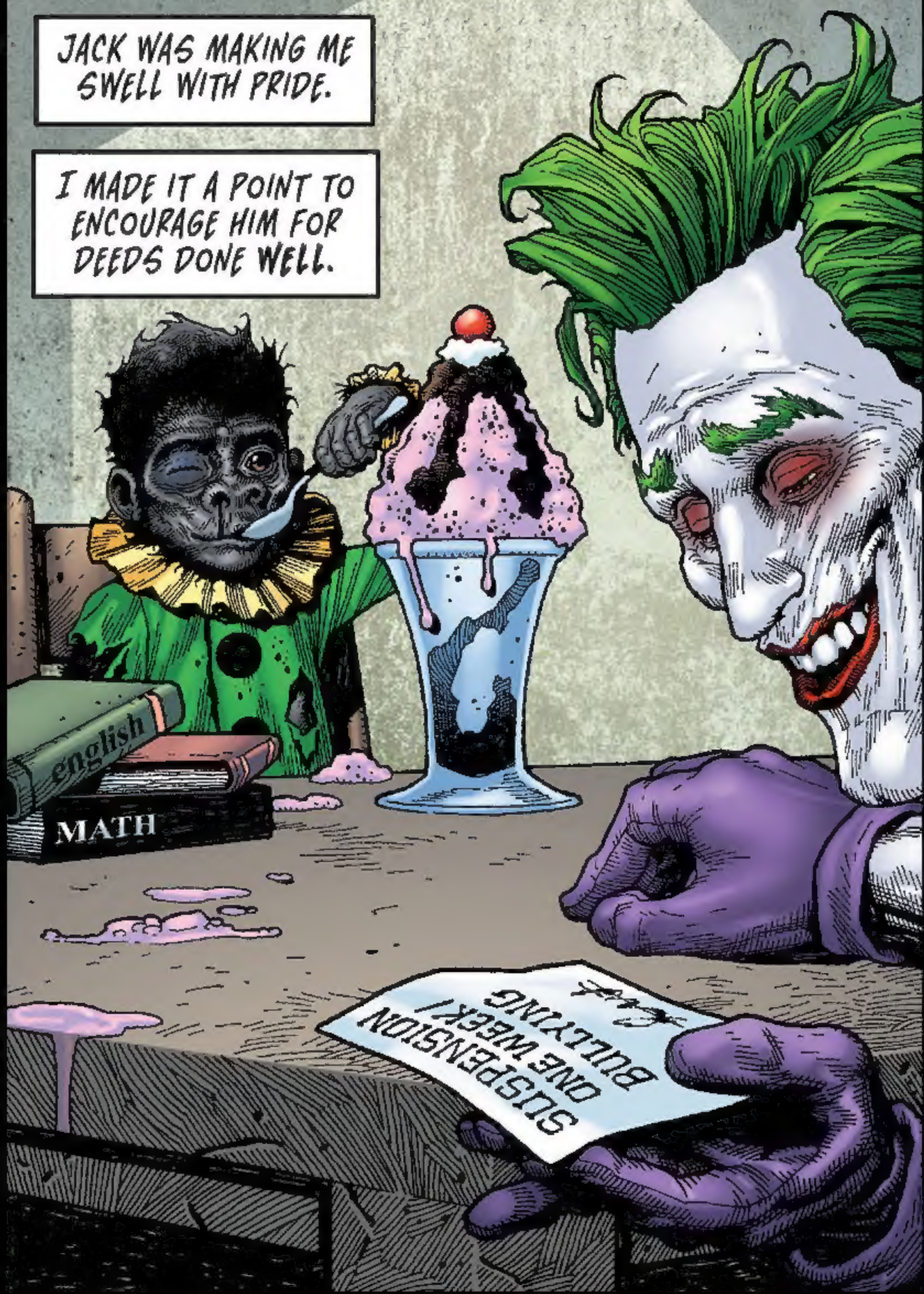
WHO KNOWS HOW I WOULD
HAVE TURNED OUT WITH THE
RIGHT UPBRINGING?



THINGS WERE WORKING OUT RATHER NICELY...
BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED.

JACK WAS MAKING ME
SWELL WITH PRIDE.

I MADE IT A POINT TO
ENCOURAGE HIM FOR
DEEDS DONE WELL.



I REMEMBER THE TIME I TRIED TO BEAT UP
A FIRST GRADE GIRL'S FIST WITH MY FACE.

MY FACE LOST.

THAT DIDN'T AGREE AT ALL
WITH AUNT EUNICE'S CHILD-
REARING PHILOSOPHY.





I SHOWED JACK HOW TO MAKE HIS OWN TOYS. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS INSTRUCT HIM ONCE, AND HE QUICKLY PICKED IT UP.

HE ESPECIALLY LIKED IT WHEN IT CAME TIME TO PLAY THE DOUBLE D'S-- DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

HE JUST LOVED THAT.

AS TIME WENT ON, I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO EXPAND HIS HORIZONS...

...HOW TO CAST A WIDER NET, HOW TO GET MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK.

...I TAUGHT HIM HOW NOT TO FEEL SORRY. HOW NOT TO GET CAUGHT UP IN FEELINGS.

I TAUGHT HIM THAT WITH GUILT COMES WEAKNESS.

AND IN OUR BUSINESS, WE CAN'T AFFORD GUILT.

IT'S TOO DAMN EXPENSIVE!

I TAUGHT HIM THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE GUILTY... GUILTY OF SOMETHING.

WE'RE SIMPLY PROVIDING A SERVICE TO FREE THEM OF THIS GUILT. A FUN JOB!

BUT THIS SERVICE COMES WITH A PRICE.

AND FOR THAT REASON ALONE, WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN WHAT WE DO AND WHAT WE BELIEVE IN...

...BUT BESIDES ALL OF THAT HOOEY...

...DISHING OUT PAIN AND SUFFERING...

...IS A HELL OF A LOT OF FUN!

HOOOHEEE
HAAAHOOO
HAAAAHEEE!



I WISH HIS MOTHER
COULD SEE HIM RIGHT NOW.

SHE'D BE SO PROUD.

HER LI'L BOY JACKANAPES
ALL GROWN UP...

...READY TO
ROCK AND ROLL!





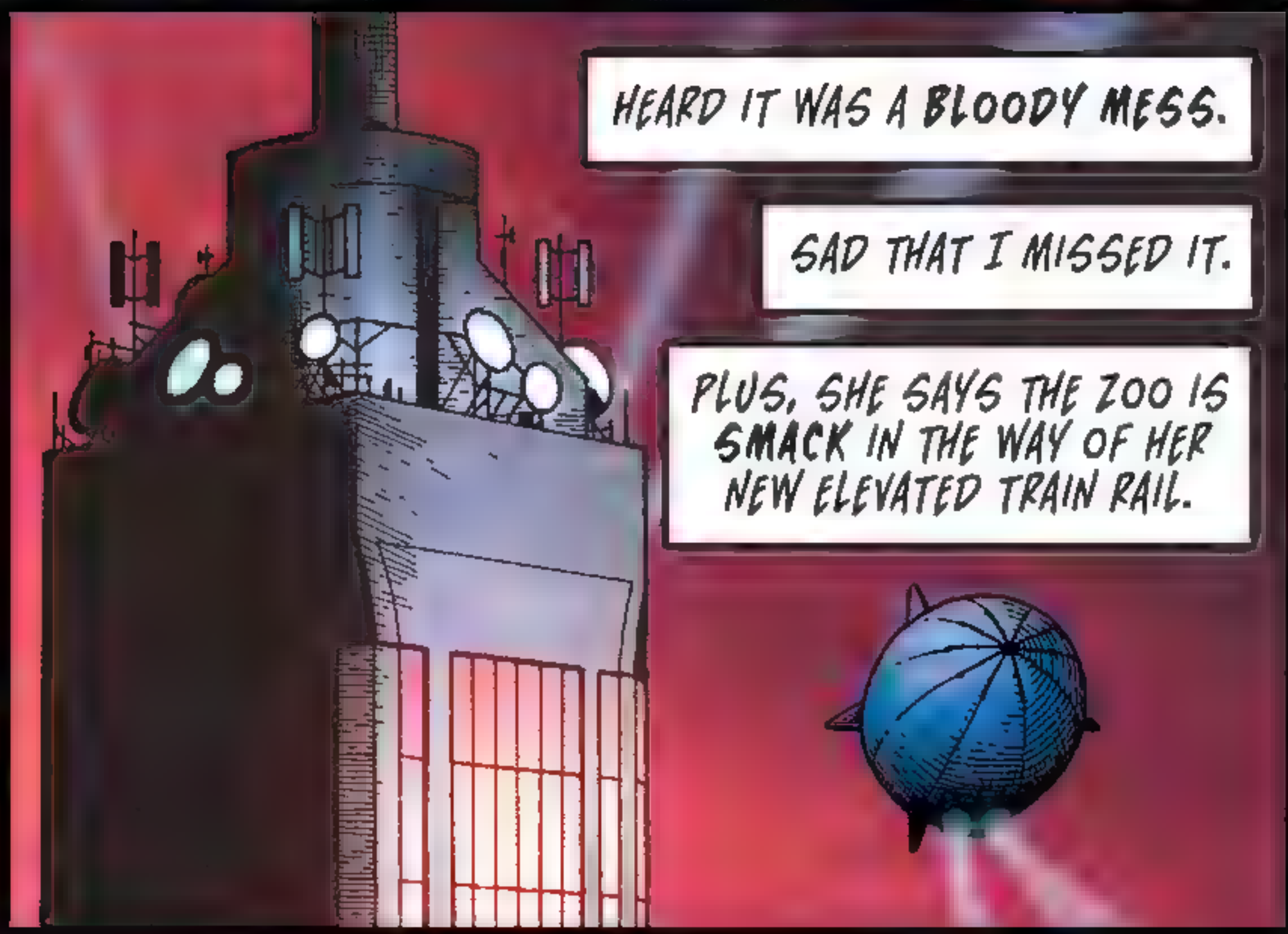
SO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL-
WOMAN WANTS TO CLOSE AND
DEMOLISH THE GOTHAM CITY ZOO...



...BUDGET CUTS AND
POOR ECONOMY,
MY TUSH.

SINCE SHE'S BEEN HEAD OF
THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE
POLITICIAN HAS ALWAYS HAD
A DISDAIN FOR THE PLACE...

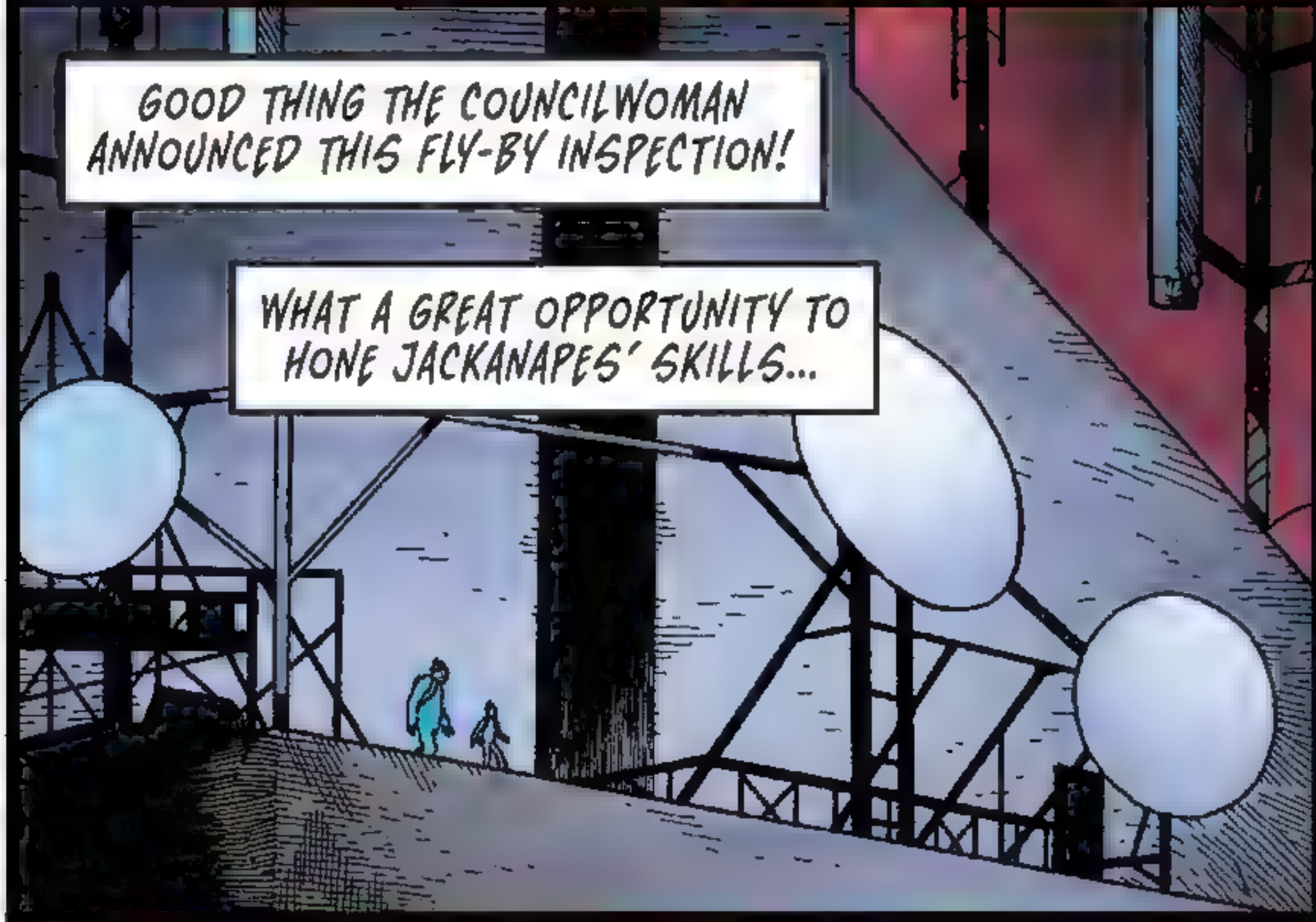
...EVER SINCE HER THREE-YEAR-
OLD DAUGHTER ACCIDENTALLY
FELL INTO THE LION PIT.



HEARD IT WAS A BLOODY MESS.

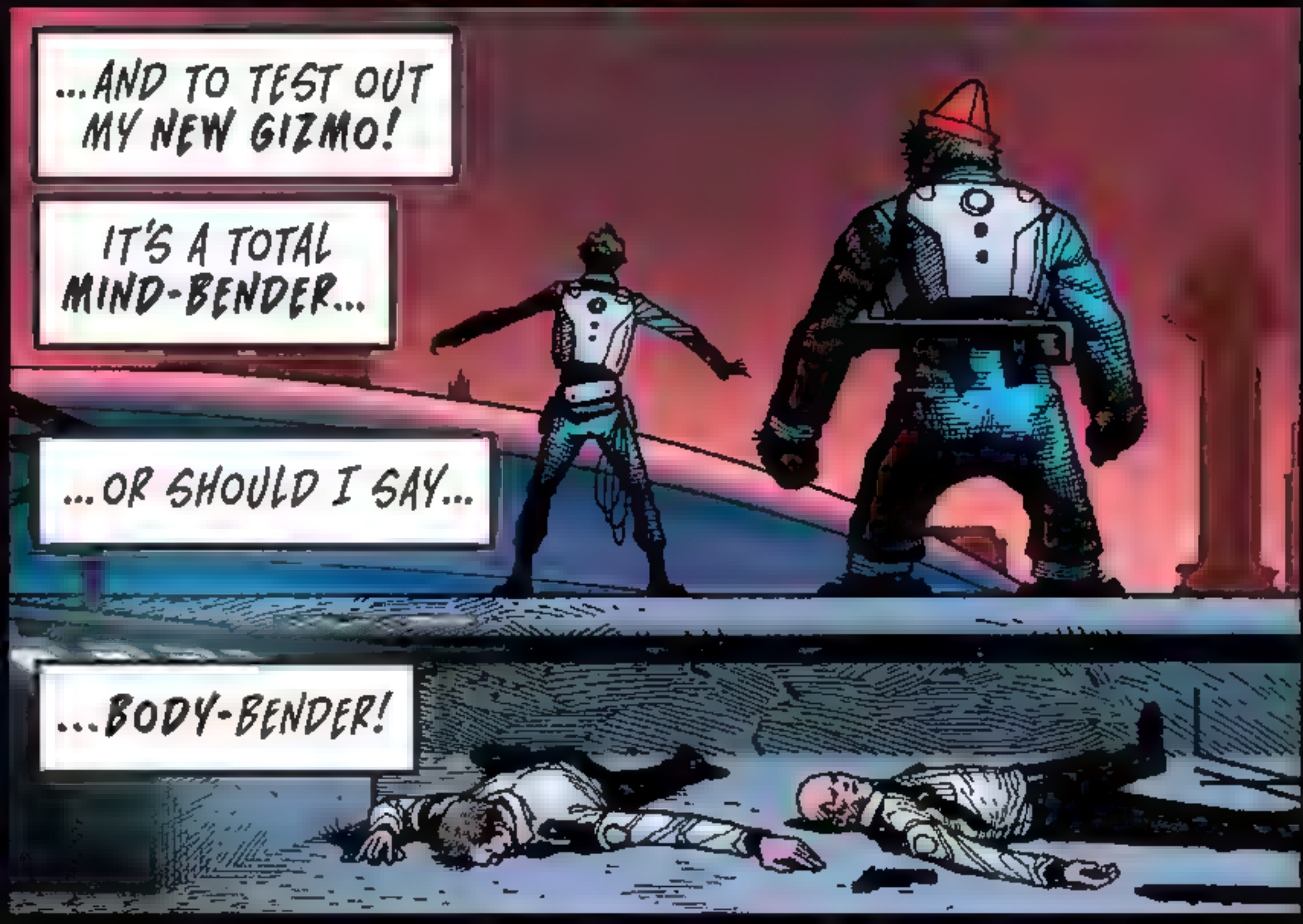
SAD THAT I MISSED IT.

PLUS, SHE SAYS THE ZOO IS
SMACK IN THE WAY OF HER
NEW ELEVATED TRAIN RAIL.



GOOD THING THE COUNCILWOMAN
ANNOUNCED THIS FLY-BY INSPECTION!

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
HONE JACKANAPES' SKILLS...



...AND TO TEST OUT
MY NEW GIZMO!

IT'S A TOTAL
MIND-BENDER...

...OR SHOULD I SAY...

...BODY-BENDER!



DON'T TRY THIS AT
HOME, KIDDIES!
HEE HEE!



SO PROUD OF HIM. HE'S SO STRONG...AND STRONG WILLED!

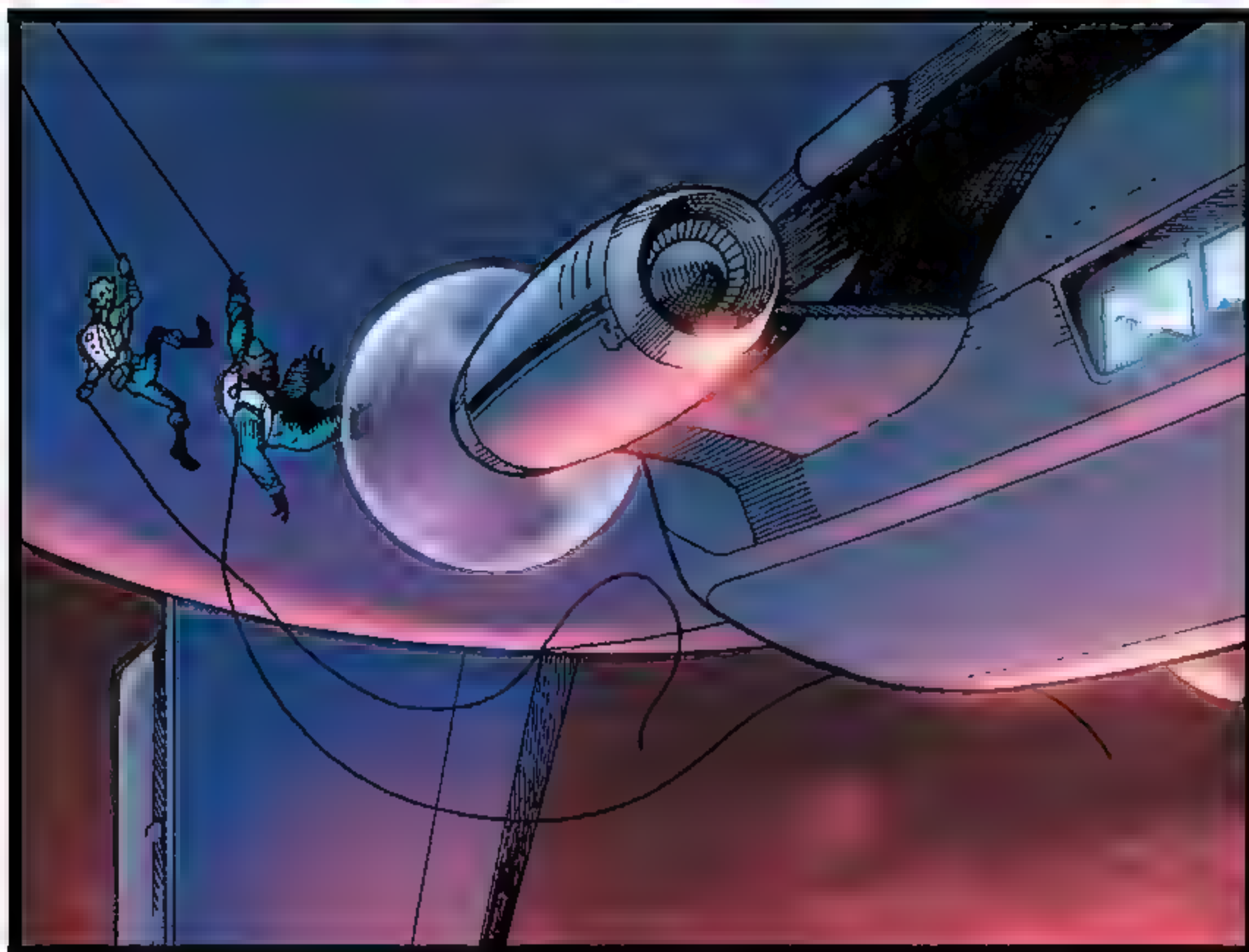
I EVEN HAD TO MAKE JACK PUT IN HIS GIZMO EAR PROTECTION.

TOGETHER, WE COULD BE THE NEW BATMAN AND ROBIN-- ONLY BETTER LOOKING!



READY FOR LIVE ACTION!

ROPES, JACK!



HAHAHOOWHEEE!



HOW... JOKER...?

...AND WHO THE HELL IS THAT WITH HIM?

SHOOT THEM!

FIRST ONES SERVED UP, MY BOY!



EXCELLENT!

HEEHEEHO!

I CAN HARDLY CONTAIN MYSELF!

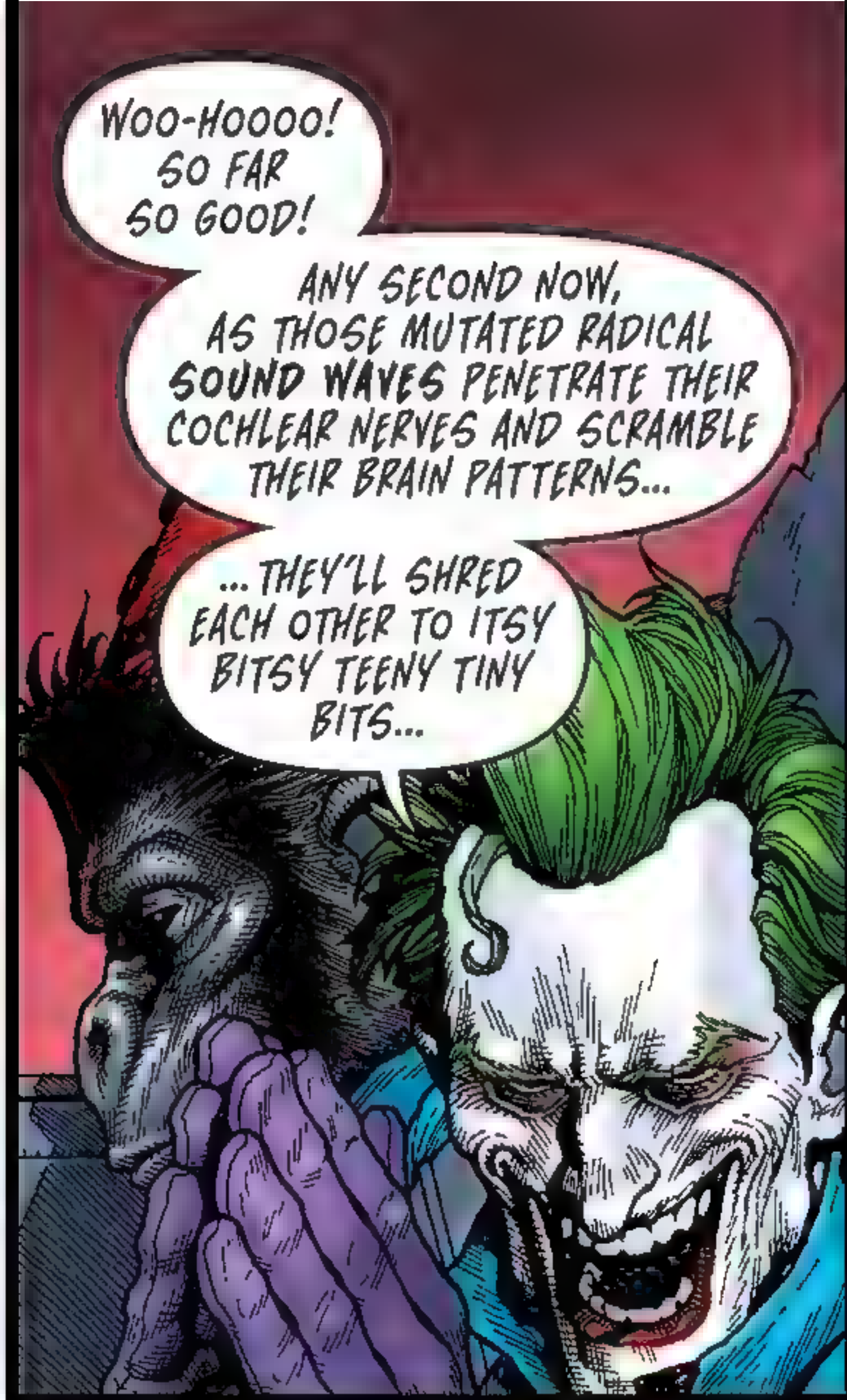


HOPE YOU GUYS WORE CLEAN UNDERWEAR...

...NOT THAT IT MATTERS.







WOO-HOOOO!
SO FAR
SO GOOD!

ANY SECOND NOW,
AS THOSE MUTATED RADICAL
SOUND WAVES PENETRATE THEIR
COCHLEAR NERVES AND SCRAMBLE
THEIR BRAIN PATTERNS...

...THEY'LL SHRED
EACH OTHER TO ITSY
BITSY TEENY TINY
BITS...



...HMMM.

SOMETHING'S
WRONG...



...UH-OH.





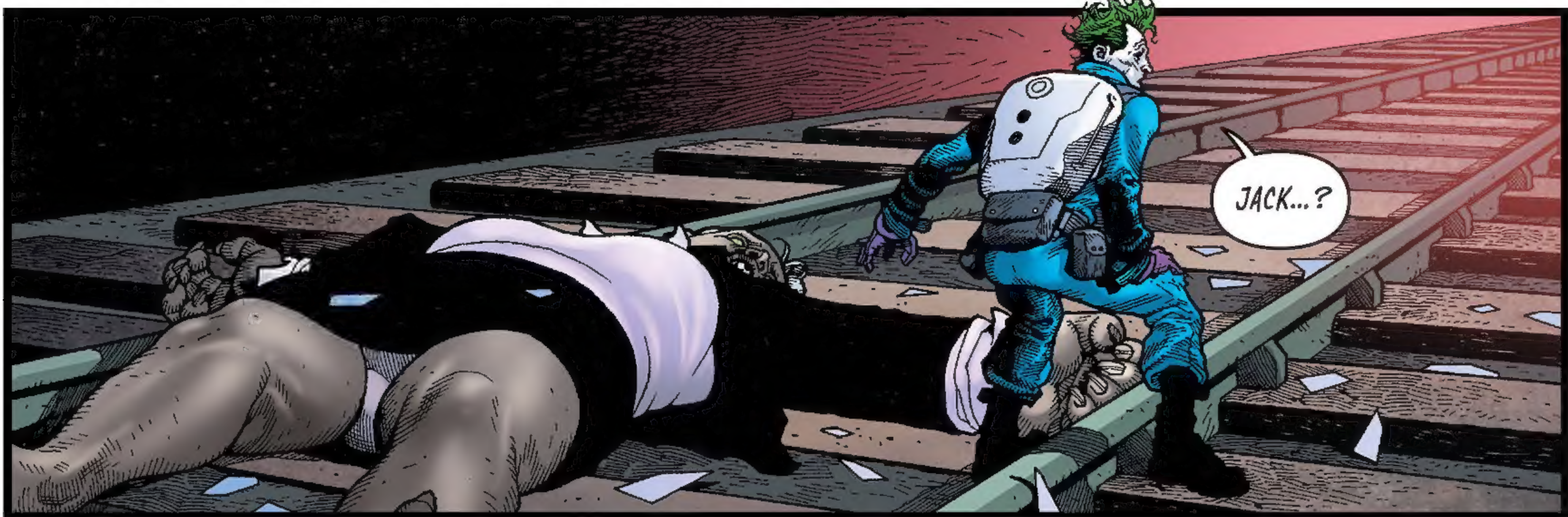
WINGS,
JACK!
YOU NEED
YOUR
WINGS!

BRATTATTAA

PLEASE,
JACKIE...
POP YOUR
WINGS...

NNNH...

NNNH



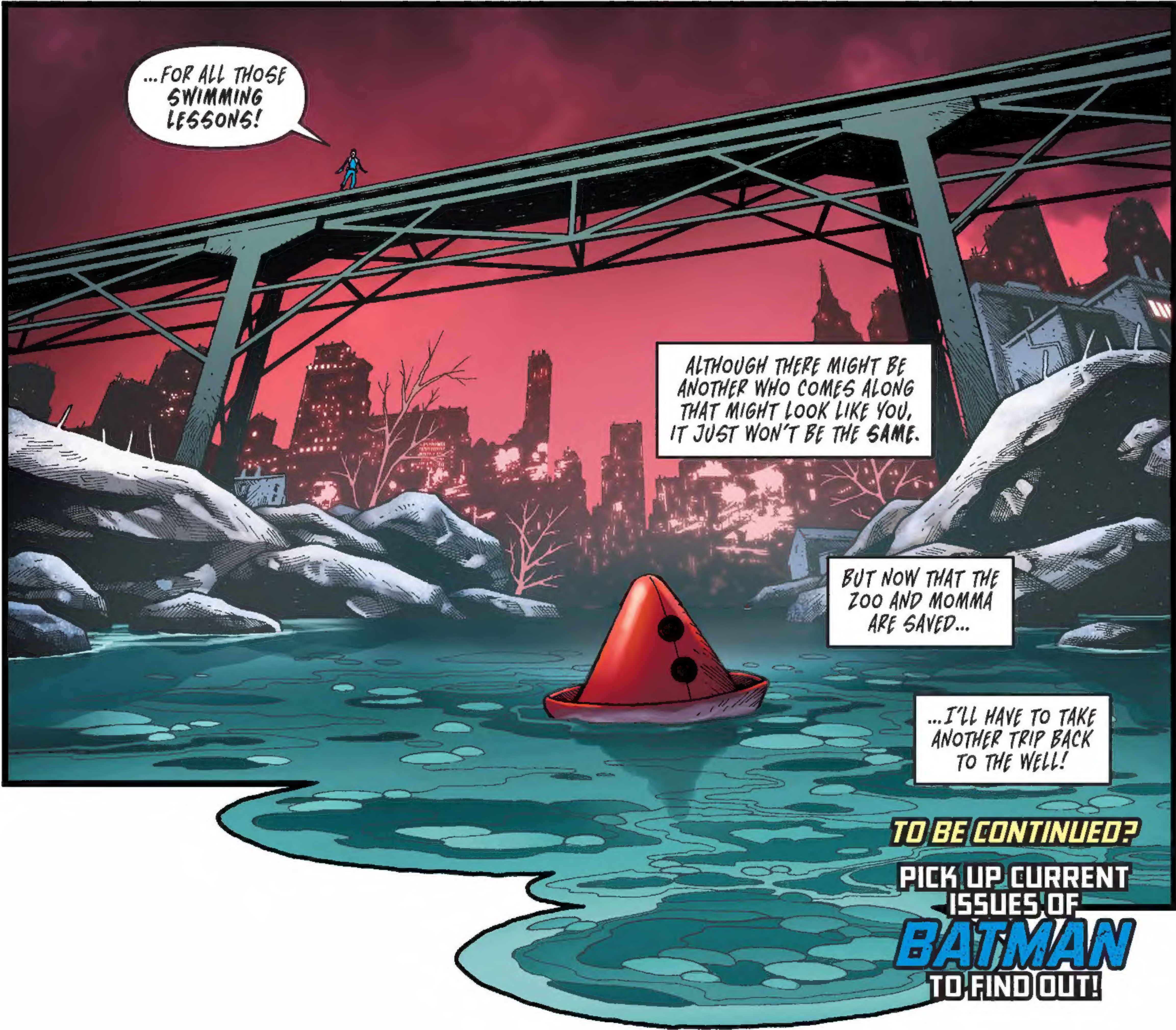
WHY, JACK?



WHY DIDN'T YOU
POP YOUR WINGS?



BWAHAHAHA!
I'M GONNA NEED
A REFUND...



...FOR ALL THOSE
SWIMMING
LESSONS!

ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE
ANOTHER WHO COMES ALONG
THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE YOU,
IT JUST WON'T BE THE SAME.

BUT NOW THAT THE
ZOO AND MOMMA
ARE SAVED...

...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE
ANOTHER TRIP BACK
TO THE WELL!

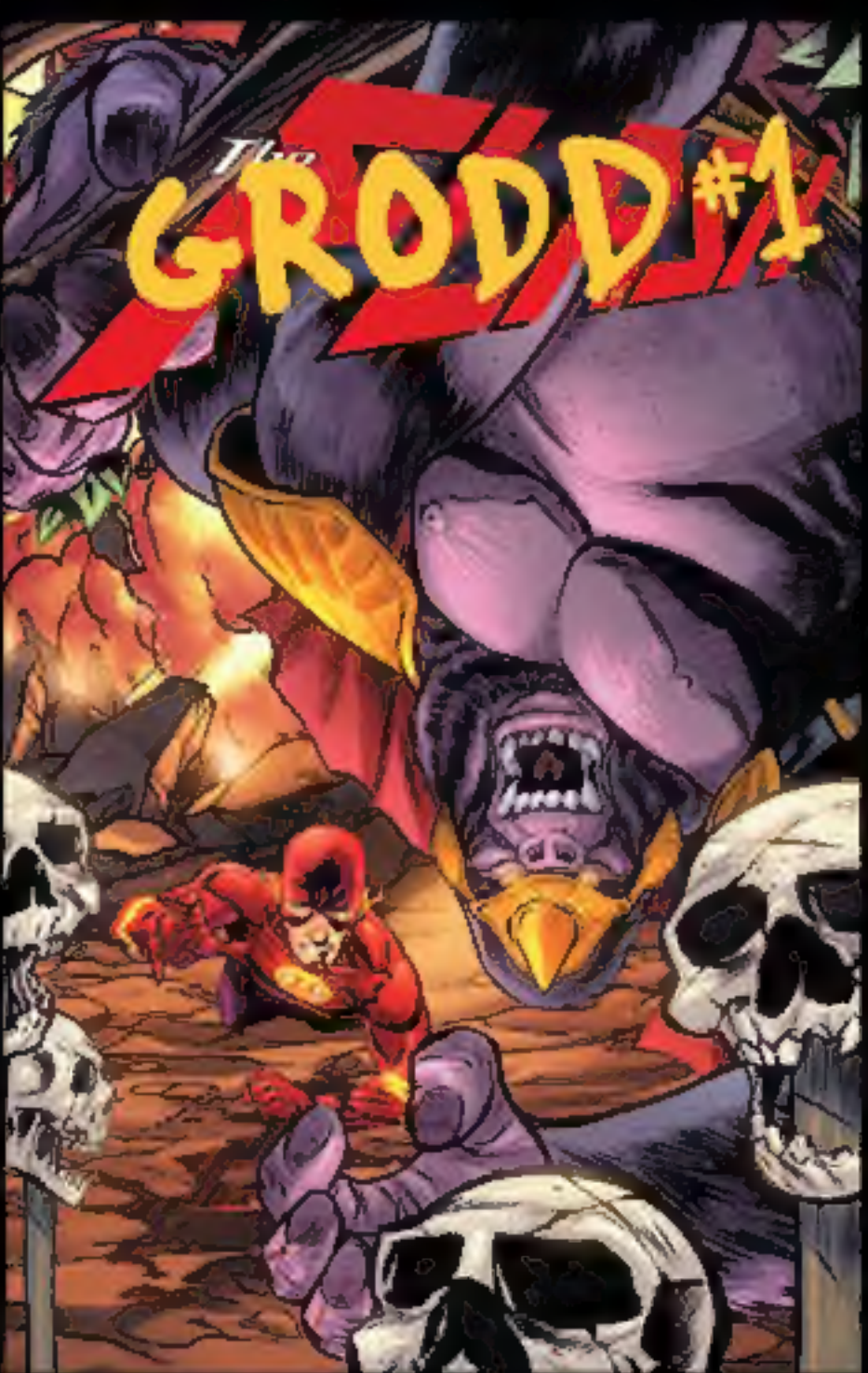
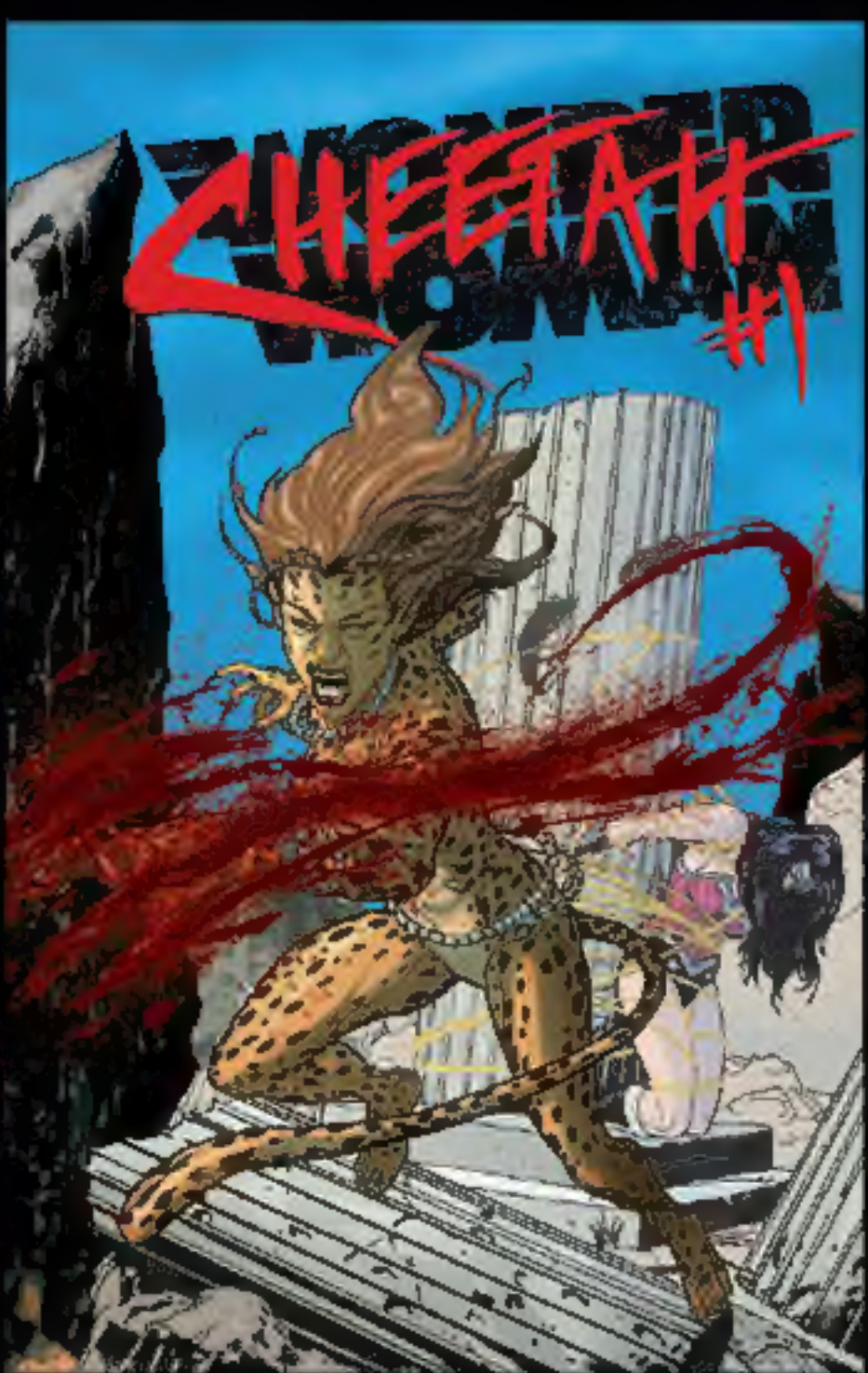
TO BE CONTINUED?
PICK UP CURRENT
ISSUES OF
BATMAN
TO FIND OUT!



Following the incredible events of Trinity War,
the Secret Society is back – and in the pages of the new miniseries FOREVER EVIL, the heroes are
dead. And in their absence, evil runs amok across the
DC Universe!

So get ready, as all the greatest villains of the DCU take center stage,
from Arcane to Zod, from The Joker to The Penguin, from Relic to
Cheetah – and many more!





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